

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

At times like this even the strongest teams face their greatest test of strength. The challenge of the last few weeks has certainly been unprecedented. Leaders and staff across Brooklands have had to work in ways we have never done before, teach in ways we have never taught before and lead in ways we have never led before, in order to respond to this National crisis. Whilst the school remains partially closed staff are busy offering many families at home education and welfare support and for those children in school whose parents are critical workers, ensuring that school days are filled with fun and learning to the highest standard possible.

The strength, resilience and determination of all our staff during this incredibly difficult time has been nothing short of remarkable. Staff at all levels (Alan our caretaker, Shannon and Jane our cleaners, Jane in the office, Jude and Fran in the kitchen, the many teachers and Teaching Assistants) have responded brilliantly to an ever changing, and increasingly complex, situation. Staff have pulled together to respond to quick decisions to ensure continuity of provision and to support our children, families and communities. The sense of collaboration, community and care shown by all staff has been amazing and the countless random acts of kindness have been overwhelming. For all of this, I am eternally grateful, thank you! When all of this is comes to an end, and eventually it will, my personal hopes for life beyond it are that we continue to work together as a great team – children, parents, staff and the wider community. That the generous collaboration, sense of community and caring that has brought us closer together continues, so that, we continue to support our children to gain the skills, knowledge and qualities they need to 'Be the Best they can Be'.

Kind Regards

**Christine Davy**

Headteacher

## **We Are Here To Help**

With most children told to stay at home, last week saw the first day of what could be weeks, potentially months, of home education. For many parents, it presents the challenge of managing your child's education whilst trying to manage your own workload.

The role parents will play over the coming weeks and months will have a huge impact on your child's education. We're here to help so if you have a question of concern please get in touch.

## **Make Someone Smile Today**

Brooklands is keen to remain community facing during this time and last week saw many of you bring a smile to neighbours and friends by creating rainbow pictures and sticking them in windows for neighbours to see.

This week we are challenging families to decorate pebbles and hide them for others to find on a walk. Look out for a few outside Brooklands.

If you have an idea on how together as a school we can support our wider community by random acts of kindness we'd like to hear them. We're keen to set a weekly challenge to bring a smile to others.

## **#clapforourcarers**

Team Brooklands is filled with enormous pride for school community. Working through our list of critical workers was overwhelming. A remarkable number of our parents are doing a huge amount to support people from NHS employees to police and much more.

Last week Team Brooklands joined others in the country to clap for everyone working on the front line; doctors, nurses; GPs; Pharmacist and EVERYONE who is helping. We are really grateful for your hard work. It is valued and appreciated. We know too that critical workers will be concerned about their families and loved ones. We recognise the challenge the current national situation places on them.

## **Keep In Touch**

Brooklands is partially closed but remains open for children whose parents are critical workers. There are many ways you can get in touch. Phone calls will continue to be answered. You can call us on 01206 392291. Emails will also continue to be checked. Our email address is [office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@brooklandsprimary.co.uk)

As well as your child's class teacher you can also now message all of the teaching team through ClassDojo.